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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3726
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In re the Application of:

Michio IHARA, et al.

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Examiner: Essama OMGBA

For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OUTER RACES FOR TRIPOD-TYPE CONSTANT
VELOCITY UNIVERSAL JOINTS**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed February 10, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on May 10, 2004, and also in response to the Advisory Action mailed July 2, 2004. This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed June 7, 2004, which was entered by the Examiner. A petition and fee for a 3rd month extension are hereby submitted.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.